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LIST OF MINISTERS AND POST OFFICES.

Boon, Samuel—Prospect Hall, N. C.
Croslin, J. M —Prospect Hall, N. C.
Haynes, Willis—Bogue Swamp P. O., N. C.
Bryant, James—Gray's Creek, N. C.
Gilmore, Nathan—Gray's Creek, N. C.
Graham, Wm.—Conwayborough, S. C.
Johnson, Reuben—Whiteville, N. C.
Louder, Moses—Conwayborough, S. C.
McKoy, S. H.—Whitehall, Bladen Co., N C.
McKoy, Joseph—Elizabethtown, N. C.
Monroe, Gilbert, Whitehall, Bladen Co., N. C.
Morrison, Mitchell—Whiteville, N. C.
Robeson, Needham—Abbottsburg, N. C.
Graham, Darah—Abbottsburg, N. C.
Whitted, John M.—Prospect Hall, N. C.
Floyd, Joshua—Flemington, N. C.
Cane, Isham—Flemington, N. C.

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MINUTES.

FLEMINGTON CHAPEL, COLUMBUS CO., N. C.,
Thursday, October 30th, 1879.

According to previous appointment the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder John M. Whitted, from the 21st Chapter Matthew, 28th and 29th verses. Elder Reuben Johnson addressed the throne of grace in conclusion.

After an intermission of twenty minutes the Association was called to order by the Chairman of the Executive Board, Elder Croslin leading in prayer.

Calling of the Roll being next in order, which the Clerk proceeded to do, and finding a majority of the Churhes repesented the Chairman of the Executive Board rose and declared the seat of the Moderator vacant, whereupon the following officers were elected :

Elder John M. Whitted, Moderator.
M. J. Mitchell, Clerk.
Lewis Moore, Treasurer.

On motion, a Committee on Finance was appointed, consisting of James Tolar, Miles Bryant and Rob't W. Robeson.

On motion, the male members of Flemington Chapel were appointed a Committee on Vigilance.

On motion, the pastor and deacons of same Church were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises.

On motion, an invitation was extended to visiting and corresponding brethren of the same faith and order, where upon.Elder H. Gore, of the Lumber River Association, and Brother Peter Graves, of the Middle District Association, came forward and the right hand of fellowship was extended to them, making them welcome to a seat and the enjoyment of all other rights, save the one of voting.

On motion. the Association adjourned until nine o'clock sharp to-morrow

Benediction was pronounced by Elder Croslin.

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SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

FRIDAY, October 31st, 1879.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read from St. John 14th Chapter, using the Hymn "Jesus my all to Heaven is gone." The delegates joined in the singing. Rev. Peter Graves offered an earnest petition.

The Moderator rose and declared the Association ready for business.

On motion, the invitation to visiting and corresponding brethren was renewed, whereupon Brother Rush came forward add received the right hand of fellowship, making him welcome to a seat and all the enjoyments save the right of voting.

On motion, the doors of the Association were thrown open for the reception of newly constituted churches.

On motion, the Proceedings of the last Association be and are hereby demanded of the ex-clerk. The Moderator requested the Clerk to come forward and report.

Said report was received, though in dissatisfaction, in that he had failed to have published the minutes or proceedings of the tenth session, and had applied the money appropriated to pay for their publication to his own use.

The ex-clerk was requested to produce the minutes or the money.

On motion, the Zion Plain Church letter was laid on the table until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

A motion that the Committee on Religious Exercises report, was lost

On motion, a Committee on Special Changes was appointed as follows: Elder D. Graham, P. McMillan and Sandy Ausly.

On motion, there was a Committee on Sabbath Schools appointed, consisting of Brothers Daniel Lucas, B. M. Spaulding, and George Martin.

On motion, there was a Committee on Education appointed, consisting of Brothers Lewis Moore, L. P. Lennon, Joseph Rich.

On motion, there was appointed a Committee on Periodicals as follows: Jas. Tolar, R. W. Robeson and Emanuel McMillan.

On motion, there was a Committee on Home Missions, consisting of Elder John Croslin, Isham Cane and Rev. M. Morrison.

On motion, there was a Committee appointed on Foreign Missions, consisting of J. C. Floyd, Sharp Gore and Reuben Johnson.

On motion, it was ordered by the Association that a collection be taken up at the close of each religious exercise during the session both day and night, for the benefit and support of the Association. Brother M. Morrison was appointed collector.

On motion, it was agreed that a note be taken of all the sermons that may claim the attention of the Association, and that the same be appended to the minutes.

On motion, the Association adjourned until half past two o'clock.

Prayer by Brother Johnson. Benediction by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hymn "Come thou eternal spirit," &c., was sung, Brother Cane leading in prayer.

After which the Moderator rose and declared the Association ready for business.

The invitation to visiting and corresponding brethren was renewed.

On motion, an Executive Committee was appointed to consist of elders and deacons.

On motion, the Ninth Article of the Constitution was changed so as to read as follows: It shall be the duty of the Association to appoint an Executive Committee which shall consist of elders and deacons, to whom may be submitted the consummation of any plan adopted; said Committee shall be answerable for their official acts to the Association.

On motion, a Committee on Examination and Ordination was appointed. Said Committee to consist of elders only.

I, your servant, beg leave to report as follows: Traveled 172 miles, preached 19 sermons, baptized 1, which consumed 16 days, received $5.13.

On motion, said report was received and appended to the minutes.

The Committee on Special Changes made their report, but it was moved and carried that said report remain on the table until to-morrow.

It was moved and carried that the Association adjourn until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock sharp.

Prayer by Elder D. Graham. Hymn "Praise God from whom," &c. Benediction by Brother Wm. Devane, of Middle District Association.

At 7 o'clock at night Brother Wm. Devane addressed the congregation. Flemington choir singing the hymn "Show pity Lord," &c.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

SATURDAY, November 1st, 1879.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Hymn "Oh speed the christian," &c., was used.

Elder S. Gore read the 14th Chapter of St. John, the Moderator leading in prayer.

After which the Moderator rose and declared the Association ready for business.

The invitation to visiting and corresponding brethren was renewed.

On motion, the minutes of yesterday were and approved.

On motion of Brother B. M Spaulding the unfinished busines was taken up, which was the consideration of the report on Special Changes. It was ordered that the report be re-read.

It was moved and carried that said report be received and appended to the minutes with the necessary amendments.

On motion, New Hope Church was heard from on failing to get their letter to the Association.

It was moved and carried that said delegates report and that the Statistics be received.

On motion, the case of the ex-clerk for failing to have the minutes of last meeting published was taken up. On finding the ex-clerk absent the consideration of the case was deferred until 7 o'clock at night.

Moved and carried that a committee be appointed to examine the uncalled for letters. Said committee to consist of four brothers, B. M. Spaulding, Isham Cane, J. H. Floyd, Joshua Floyd, J. King, attended by the Finance Committee.

On motion, the report of the committee was received and appended to the minutes.

Moved and carried that the Association take a recess of one hour and a half.

Brother Cane leading in prayer. Hymn "This earth shall soon dissolve like snow," &c.

Benediction by the Moderator.

During recess Brother R. Rials, of Middle District Association addressed the congregation from Second Cor. 5th Chapter, 1st verse.

The choir singing "Show pity Lord," by request of Wm. Devane.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Hymn "Oh, help us Lord," &c. Brother P. McMillan offered an earnest petition to the throne of grace.

The Moderator declared the Association ready for business.

A motion prevailed for the appointment of a missionary.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to retire and bring in names to be voted for as intinerent during ensuing Associational year.

The following brethren were recommended and appointed by the Moderator as members of the Executive Board : J. M. Croslin, D. Graham, J. M. Whitted, James Tolar, E. Davis.

On motion, the delegates of Gum Swamp came forward and stated that their Church was somewhat in a confused condition.

On motion, the Gum Swamp letter and the committee's report was received, and the committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Mission : We, your committee on selection of Missionary, be leave to report names as follow ; Revs. M. Morrison, D. Graham.

On motion, said report was received.

On motion, the letter of Zion Plain was taken up and re-read.

On motion of Brother L. Moore said letter was received, after considerable discussion.

On motion a letter of dismission was granted.

The Moderator instructed the Clerk to write and forward letters of dismission to all Churches which had been granted by this Association.

The ex-clerk's case was taken up, and on motion, he was requested to make his report to the Association, whereupon the clerk stated that it was mere negligence the reason he did not have the minutes of last session published.

On motion of B. M. Spaulding, the clerk was requested to deposit the amount paid over to him for the publication of the minutes of said session on the table.

On failing to do so he was allowed, at his own request, eight days to make a settlement with the Association.

On motion, the report of the ex-treasurer was called for, but he being absent his report was laid over until to-night.

Moved and carried that the Association adjourn until after night services.

Benediction by Elder John M. Croslin.

Elder J. M. Whitted preached at seven o'clock, from Revelations 6th Chapter, 17th Verse, "For the great day of His wrath has come."

The Flemington choir furnished some beautiful music.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association met according to adjournment after preaching.

The report of the ex-treasurer being called for, he rose and stated that he had received no funds of the Association.

After which Elder Croslin stated that no funds belonging to the Association had gone into the hands of the Treasurer, as he would not agree to receive it without compensation, and all the money, except the minute fund, he was responsible for, and that he was ready to settle with the Association at any time.

On motion of M. J. Mitchell, Elder J. M. Croslin was allowed to settle with the Executive Board at its next meeting, as our time is short.

Moved by Brother James Tolar that we receive neither of the choice of the Committee on Missionary. Their names were brought before the Association and voted down.

On motion, this Association appointed Brothers J. M. Croslin, M. Morrison and S. Gore visiting and corresponding messengers to visit sister associations, both white and colored.

It was ordered that the Clerk write corresponding letters for the different delegates.

On motion, Elder J. M. Whitted was appointed by the Association to be properly delegated at the next meeting of the Executive Board as Itinerent for the ensuing Associational year.

On motion, J. M. Croslin and M. J. Mitchell were apnointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

On motion, the Committee on Collections was requested to settle with the regular Finance Committee, when Rev. M. Morrison, associated with J. H. Floyd and H. Barden, came forward and paid over $7.09.

On motion, it was agreed that the Clerk ascertain direct information in regard to the publication of the minutes of the last session.

It was moved and carried that Elder J. M. Croslin preach the Introductory Sermon, alternate Elder S. Gore.

A motion prevailed that Elder J. M. Whitted preach the Charity Sermon, alternate Elder Darah Graham.

On motion, there is due and is hereby tendered a vote of thanks to the brothers, sisters and friends, both white and colored, for their kindness in entertaining the ministers and delegates; and also to the Flemington choir. We will never forget them, and may the Lord bless them all.

There being calls for the Association from New Light and New Hope, the latters call was brought before the Association according to usage and was accepted by a large majority.

A motion prevailed that the Clerk receive $12 for labor as Clerk in the Association, and compiling and distributing the minutes to the different chruches.

A letter was received from W. H. Banks requesting this Association to pay him the sum of $10 for services in com-

piling minutes for Gray's Creek Association. Upon investigation it was found that said Brother Banks was employed by the Clerk, who was amenable, and not the Association.

On motion, all the unfinished business was left with the Executive Board for adjustment.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet on Thursday before the first Lord's day in November, 1880, at 11 o'clock, with the New Hope Church, Bladen County, N. C.

Prayer by Brother Leonard Frinks. Hymn, "Farewell brothers, farewell sisters."

Benediction pronounced by the Moderator.

JOHN M. WHITTED, Moderator.

M. J. MITCHELL, Clerk.

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Sabbath, November 2d, 1879.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather in the first part of the day the congregation was not as large as expected, but was composed of both white and colored. Services were commenced by singing the hymn "There is a land of pure delight." Prayer by Peter Graves.

After which Elder Sharp Gore announced his text from the 28th Chap. of Isaiah, part of 6th Verse, "Behold I lay in Zion a stone, a precious stone." After the sermon Rev. Peter Graves lead in prayer, with singing by the Flemington choir.

Prayer by Elder John Croslin. Hymn, "In all my Lord's appointed ways." After which he announced his text from 2d Chapter of Paul's letter to Hebrews, "Therefore we should give the more earnest heed."

At the close of the sermon Brother John M. Whitted lead in prayer, and the choir sang "From Greenland's icy mountains. A collection was taken up amounting to $8.06. Benediction was pronounced by Elder Sharp Gore. Thus ended a most delightful session of the Association.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT ON SABBATH SHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg to report that the interest in Sabbath Schools is increasing with the growth of the Church. A little more than half a century ago the Sabbath School idea was first entertained by the churches. For a long time it was allowed to slumber, but now it has grown to become a giant among the churches. Too much attention to the Sabbath School enterprise cannot be given.—Train up a child in the way he should go, is the Bible plan, and then he will be able to read the scriptures from his childhood, and become wise unto salvation. The ministers therefore, should speak of this to the churches and keep the importance of the subject before the people. Respectfully submitted,

R. M. SPAULDING,
DANIEL LUCAS,
GEORGE MARTIN.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education beg leave to report that we deem it necessary to recommend the grand movement of educating ourselves, and especially our children. We look upon it as being the only proper way in which we can make them useful members in our associations and churches. We cannot say too much about educating the rising generation; let it not be hollow sounds. Education is the driving wheel to christian progress and civilization. It will make us better christians, and men and women of high renown; indeed the very men we need to-day in our midst. Let our ministers take hold of this great work and encourage it throughout our commonwealth. Ministers, we charge you to look well to it, the present age demands a higher standard of education, and our instructions must become more refined. The interests of the Baptists everywhere seems to be increasing, and we, your committee, recommend the Shaw Collegiate Institute to the attention of our people in the State for collegiate instructions. The said Institute is located at the seat of the State Government, Raleigh, N. C. Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS MOORE,
L. P. LENNON,
JOSEPH RICH.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Committee on Periodicals beg leave to report as follows: We recommend that the Baptists generally, of North Carolina especially, take the *Biblical Recorder*, as it is the Baptist organ of the State. It gives us news from all parts of this country, as well as China and other heathen nations; also, from Africa, our native country. We also recommend the *African Expositor* to the public as a cheap and interesting paper. Respectfully submitted,

JAMES TOLAR,
M. McMILLAN,
ROB'T W. ROBESON.

I, your committtee, beg leave to offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That all young men and others, as far as possible, preparing for the ministy, be instructed to attend the Shaw University at Raleigh, N. C., where they will receive proper instructions and be able to do their work successfully.

Resolved further, That the Superintendent of each Sabbath School be instructed to correspond with the American Baptist Publication Society regarding Sabbath School papers and books.

Address B. GRIFFITH, D. D., Sec. 6, 44th St., Philadelphia.

Yours respectfully, D. I. MOORE.

REPORT ON SPECIAL CHANGES.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report to your honorable body that our Brother Deacon of Whiteville Church has departed this life since we last assembled. We can only add that we hope our loss is his eternal gain. Submitted with respect.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This is a subject of tremendous importance. When we consider the benighted condition of the heathen part of our world our feelings are of a painful nature. The circumstances in which Providence has placed us require upon our part renewed exertions for their rescue from under the dominion of idolatry and its consequent calamities.—We should be stimulated in this good cause in consideration of that which has already been accomplished.

Respectfully submitted, J. C. FLOYD,
REUBEN JOHNSON,
SHARP GORE.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Minute.	Mission.
Salem, Columbus Co.	L, P. Lennon, H. Bardon, G. F. Fayson	1	3	3	.....	6	2	16	46	62	.....	.....
Mt. Tabor	C. Dixon, H. C. Graham	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zion Plain	H, Smith, York Ward	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	6	10	16	50	70
Flemington Chapel	J. C. Floyd, J. H. Floyd, Elder Cane	...	.....	2	1	...	2	21	30	51	75	25
Spring Hill	Fred Shaw, James Pierce	3	.....	...	.....	6	1	5	9	14	25	25
Sandy Plain	B. M. Spaulding, L. Moore, M. J. Mitchell	...	.....	1	1	1	1	20	24	44	1 00	50
Whiteville	Elder M. Morrison, R. Gore, H. Best	4	2	1	.....	...	3	22	44	66	1 00	50
Gum Swamp	Jas. Todd, A. Todd	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	25	.....
1st New Light, Bladen Co.	Elder J. M. Croslin, E. P. Davis, B. Burney	1	.....	3	3	...	...	18	50	68	50	1 04
Baldwin Branch	W. Hogett, Geo. Martin, Deacon A. Demory	4	.....	2	.....	2	...	26	37	63	1 00	77
2d New Light	J. M. Whitted, R. W. Robeson, L. Robeson	2	.....	...	.....	.	...	9	18	27	75	25
Sand Hill Chapel	Lewis Saser, A. Wooten	26	7	3	2	...	...	21	26	47	25	.....
Bryant Swamp	H. Singletary, S. Lennon, M. Lewis	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	42	59	101	60	45
Paradise	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	7	7	14	25	.....
New Hope	Joseph Rich, W. Kelley	4	1	...	1	...	...	...	.....	363	50	50
Abbotts Chapel	S. Atkinson, R. Kelly	4	2	..	.....	4	...	...	.....	15	.....	.....
Savannah, Cumberland Co.	Henry McNeil	10	2	2	.....	...	...	36	57	93	50	1 00
Swan's Creek	M. McNeill, D. Lucas, Francis Jackson	7	1	2	.....	2	1	18	26	44	50	50
China Grove	James Brown	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	8	18	26	.....	.....
2d Church, Fayetteville	Francis Graham	...	.....	...	.....	6	4	6	2	8	25	1 00
Grays' Creek	James Tolar, M. Byrne	18	1	8	2	5	1	57	115	172	1 25	.....
Mt. Pisgah	Edward Auston	10	.....	...	.....	1	...	...	.....	16	25	75
Beauty Spot	Edward Ray	1	.....	...	.....	1	...	...	.....	24	25	25
Spring Hill	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Flat Swamp	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Moriah, Harnett Co.	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant View, Brunswick Co.	Elder S. Gore, J. Bell, O. Williams	13	2	12	1	7	1	40	89	129	50	.....
Cedar Grove	J. S. Gore, J. Eagles, T. H. Brown	2	1	3	3	5	1	29	29	58	1 55	.....
Macedonia	A. Galoway, J. McMilan	1	.....	1	.....	1	1	8	12	20	.....	.....
Zion Hill	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chesterfield, Horry Co., S. C.	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Calvary	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hickory	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Pauls	S. F. Ricket, Elder R. Johnson	...	1	...	.....	1	9	29	22	31	25	.....
Ebenezer, Robeson Co.	Wm. Gaddy, S. Williams, H. Carmikel	1	.....	1	2	...	1	...	.....	.....	60	.....
St. Johns	H. Smith, T. McDonald, S. Auslen	3	.....	1	1	...	2	26	42	68	1 50	1 00
Pleasant Grove	E. McMillan, P. McMillan, J. King	...	.....	...	.....	1	...	33	47	80	50	1 25

CONSTITUTION

—OF THE—

GRAY'S CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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WHEREAS, God's people are commanded to strive together for the Faith of the Gospel; and Whereas, In union there is greater strength and capacity for assisting in the promotion of Christ's Kingdom on earth; we, professed disciples of Christ, resolve to unite in an associated capacity on the following Constitution:

Art. 1.—This Association shall be denominated and known as the "Gray's Creek Baptist Association, of North Carolina."

Art. 2.—This body shall be composed of delegates chosen by the Churches connected with it; each Church being entitled to three delegates.

Art. 3.—In the selection of these delegates the Churches shall pay strict regard to the moral and intellectual qualifications of those appointed.

Art. 4.—The delegates thus selected should bear from their respective Churches a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the Church and the interest thereof.

Art. 5.—The Association shall select out of their number, annually, a Presiding Officer, Secretary and a Treasurer, who may be elected by rising or by ballot, and who shall continue in office until the time for the annual election.

Art. 6.—The object of the Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the way and means of accomplishing this shall be selected and prosecuted in strict conformity to law and testimony.

Art. 7.—The Association shall have a fund, created and sustained by voluntary contributions from the Churches, which shall be held by the Treasurer, and subject to the disposition of the majority present at any annual session.

Art. 8.—A faithful record shall be made of the proceedings of each annual session, which shall be presented to each session.

Art. 9.—It shall be the duty of the Association to appoint an Executive Committee, which shall consist of elders and deacons, to whom may be submitted the consummation of any plan adopted; said Committee shall be answerable for their official acts to the Association.

Art. 10.—The Association shall not maintain permanent fellowship toward any of her Churches which neglect to institute and preserve proper or Gospel order among their members; nor toward any of her Churches and Ministers who treat her Constitution with contempt; but shall sustain with her all influence such as promote Gospel principles and order.

Art. 11.—It shall be the province of the Association to invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to speak on any point under discussion, but not to vote.

Art. 12.—The Annual Session of this Association shall begin on Thursday before the first Lord's Day in November, at such places as may be chosen.

Art. 13.—By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon preached, and also a Charity Sermon.

Art. 14.—The Constitution may be amended at any Annual Session by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

Art. 15.—Without special permission from the Association, no one will be allowed to speak more than once upon any subject, nor longer than twenty minutes, and shall be allowed only one reply not longer than ten minutes.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

I. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead—The Father, Son and Holy Ghost.—Gen. 1:26. 2. Cor. xiii:14.

II. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. iii:16.

III. We believe in the doctrine of eternal, particular Election. Acts xiii:48. Romans viii:28, 30; xi:5, 7. 2 Tim. ii:10. 1 Pet. i:2. John vi: 37,44.

IV. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin. Ps. liv:5.

V. We believe in the doctrine of Man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, of his own free-will ability.—Eph. ii:1, 10.

VI. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Christ. Gal. ii:16. Rom. iii:24, v:9.

VII. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted and sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Eph. i:4, 7. 2 Thess. ii:13, 14. Tim 1:5.

VIII. We believe that the Saints shall persevere in Grace and shall never fall finally away. John x:28, 30; xiii:1. 1 Pet. i:9.

IX. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; and that the true mode of Baptism is immersion. Matt. iii:16. Acts viii:38, 39. Rom. vi:4. Eph. iv:12.

X. We believe in the Resurrection of the Dead, and a General Judgment. 1 Cor. ch. xv. Nev:11, 15.

XI. We believe that the punishment of the wicked is everlasting, and that the joys of the righteous are eternal. Matt. xxv:46. Rev· xx:12, 15.

XII. We believe that Ordained Ministers, or such as have come under the imposition of hands by a regular authorized Presbytery only, have a right to administer the Ordinances. Acts xiii:3 1 Tim. iv:14. 2 Tim. i:6.